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* Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—"May I know how many Christians there are on each of the two bodies?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"We do not know how many there are on the Committee. But there are two Christians on the Commission."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask the hon. Minister whether the Government will be pleased to consider the claims of the various communities and advise the Selection Board and the Services Commission to take into consideration the claims of the various communities and do communal justice?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"These appointments being only temporary, communal rules are not applicable."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I ask the hon. Minister to advise the Committee in charge of selection to see that, as far as possible, representation is given to various communities?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"That is done usually under statutory rules and there are no such rules in this case."

Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"When making these appointments, did not the hon. Minister consider the claims of the various communities except the Indian Christian community?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"The recommendations of the Committee were duly considered and appointments were made upon those recommendations."

Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"Did not communal claims enter into the mind of the hon. Minister when making these appointments?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I can't say; the appointments were made some years ago."

Personnel of the Selection Committee of the Teachers' College, Saidapet.

* 337 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the personnel of the Committee appointed for the selection of candidates for admission into the Teachers' Training College, Saidapet;

(*b*) the purpose for which the Committee was originally constituted; and

(*c*) whether, in making appointments to the Committee, the claims of the various communities were considered?

A.—(*a*) (1) The Principal of the College.
(2) M.R.Ry. S. Balakrishna Ayyar Avargal, Lecturer, Teacher's College.

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(3) M.R.Ry. M. Vedachala Mudaliyar Avargal, M.L.C.

(4) M.R.Ry. Rai Sahib N. Chengal Rao Avargal.

(5) Khan Bahadur Abdul Razak Sahib Bahadur.

(b) The Committee is to assist the Principal in the selection and admission of students to the College.

(c) Yes, as far as practicable.

Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM :—" May I know, originally when this Committee was created, the claims of the various communities were not considered? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" There is no such thing."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" The answer given to clause (b) is ' The Committee is to assist the Principal in the selection and admission of students to the College.' Am I to undrestand that the Committee Members are to take down notes to the dictation of the Principal of the College? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I think that is the wording of the Government Order."

Rao Bahadur C. NATESA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether, in the light of the rules laid down by the Local Self-Government Department, the hon. Minister for Education will change the rules followed by the committees of institutions under the Education Minister? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I shall examine the rules of the Local Self-Government Department."

Mr. YAKUB HASAN :—" Considering the fact that the Teachers' College is for the whole Presidency and not for the Chingleput district only, why the Muslim member of the Teachers' College Selection Committee is always selected from the Chingleput district? May I ask why not a better qualified man be selected from Madras or anywhere else in the Madras Presidency? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" I must take exception to the hon. Member comparing the respective merits of the members of the Committee."

Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM :—" May I ask whether, at the time of the constitution of this Committee, the hon. Minister did not take into consideration the claims of the Indian Christian community and overlooked them? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR :—" It is not that I overlooked the claims of the Indian Christian community. The members were appointed as suitable persons to serve on the Committee and not that one community or the other was deliberately excluded."

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Mr. V. P. NARAYANAN NAMBIYAR:—"May I know whether there has been any complaint that candidates were not selected from particular communities?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"No complaints have been received."

Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"May I know whether the hon. Minister means that no suitable Indian Christian was available for one of these places in the Committee?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"It does not necessarily mean that."

Mr. V. M. RAMASWAMI MUDALIYAR:—"May I know what are the qualifications or the suitability of the candidates who are selected as members of the Committee of the Teachers' College?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"No qualifications have been prescribed."

Personnel of the Selection Committee of the Engineering College, Guindy.

* 338 *Q.*—Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased to state—

(*a*) the personnel of the Committee appointed for the selection of candidates for admission into the Engineering College at Guindy;

(*b*) the purpose for which the Committee was originally constituted; and

(*c*) whether, in making appointments to the Committee, the claims of various communities were considered?

A.—(*a*) (1) The Principal of the College.
(2) Mr. S. S. Elliot, Chief Engineer, Madras and Southern Mahratta Railway.
(3) Khan Bahadur Abdul Razak Sahib Bahadur, Saidapet.
(4) M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur C. Arunachala Mudaliyar Avargal, Zamindar of Chunampet.
(5) M.R.Ry. P. Ramanathan Avargal, Solicitor, Madras.
(6) M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur M. C. Raja Avargal, M.L.A.

(*b*) & (*c*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answers to clauses (*b*) and (*c*) of question No. 337.

Rao Bahadur A. T. PANNIRSELVAM:—"May I know whether for the Committee of the Engineering College also no Indian Christian was available?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur S. KUMARASWAMI REDDIYAR:—"I must only repeat what I said in regard to previous questions of a similar nature. I can only say that in regard to none of these Committees were Christians deliberately excluded. When the Committees are reconstituted next time, I shall bear in mind all the facts brought to my notice by the hon. Member representing Tanjore."